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"Operation Overflight," the autobiography of former U-2 pilot **Francis Gary Powers**, is due out May 1—the tenth anniversary of the international incident in which Powers's spy plane was shot down over Russia, resulting in his spending nearly two years in Soviet prisons and also becoming a scapegoat of many critics in the U.S. "I didn't write the book to be vindicated," says Powers, 40, who lives in California and has been out of work since being laid off as a Lockheed test pilot last February. "If I come out vindicated, it's because the facts vindicate me." In addition to facts, his book offers some intriguing speculation to the effect that the U-2 was betrayed by an ex-U.S. Marine Corps radar operator who may have been privy to the secret of the plane's altitude, and who defected to Russia in October 1959. His name: **Lee Harvey Oswald**.